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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

## THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Barreled apple prices at the Liverpool auction on Wednesday, September 24, were considerably lower than last week's prices according to a cable from Mr. Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture. Demand was active for both boxed and barreled apples, supplies were light, and the fruit was in generally good condition except for numerous slacks among the barreled offerings. The moderate supplies of American pears met an active demand. Pears were in good condition. American plums, which were in light supply, also met an active demand. This week's plum offerings were in good condition.

Supplies of American apples in London were light and demand was fair. The fruit was in generally good condition. Prices of barreled apples were about the same as last week except for Virginia Grimes which made much better prices than last week. Washington Cox's Orange Pippins sold at low prices. U. S. No. 1, 2½ inch Virginia Jonathans sold at about \$7.54 and the 2 inch size made around \$7.30 per barrel. The U. S. No. 1, 2½ inch size of King Davids from Virginia sold around \$9.00 and the 2 inch size at about \$8.52 per barrel. Virginia, U. S. No. 1, 2½ inch Grimes made about \$6.93 and the 2 inch the same price as compared with \$5.59 and \$5.35 per barrel last week. Washington Cox's Orange Pippins, Extra Fancy 150/175 sold at \$1.95 to \$2.31, the 188/smaller at \$2.19 to \$2.43, Fancy 150/175 at \$1.95 to 2.19 and the 188/smaller sizes at about \$2.19 per box. U.S. No. 1, 2 inch Bartlett pears from New York made around \$9.73 per box.

Supplies of apples afloat to arrive in the United Kingdom next week amount to about 83,000 barrels and 55,000 boxes, of which 60,000 barrels and 23,000 boxes consist of Canadian fruit. The Canadian Parists Sheamship Line has just advised importers of a new freight schedule which is now effective. Under the new rates Canadian barreled apples will be transported to the United Kingdom for 60 cents per barrel which is 10 cents cheaper than the rate for American barreled apples.

The recent heavy gales over the English Channel damaged fruit crops, particularly apples and pears, in northern France and southern England. Prospects continue unfavorable for fruit crops on the Continent.

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## Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool

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Variety, grade and origin	Price	
The state of the s	Sept, 17	Sept. 24
APPLES BARRELS	Dollars :	Dollars
Jonathan, Virginia:		
U. S. No. 1, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum	:	8.03-8.52
U. S. No. 1, 2 inch minimum	9,25	6.33-6.81
Bonum, Virginia:		
U. S. No. 1, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum	7.54-8.03	6.45-6.93
U. S. No. 1, 2 inch minimum	., : 6, 69-7, 30 ;	6.08-6.45
U. S. No. 1, 1 3/4 inch minimum	; 6.08 :	4.20-4.32
King David, Virginia:	All the state of the	
U. S. No. 1, 1袁 inch/minimum	7.30-8.15	5.72-5.84
Grimes, Virginia:	• 1, .	0.45.0.07
U. S. No. 1, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum		6.45-6.93
U. S. No. 1, 2 inch minimum	6.57-6.81	5.60-6.08
U. S. No. 1, 1\frac{1}{2} inch minimum	***************************************	4.62-4.99
Wealthy, New York:	•	E 06 6 77
U. S. No. 1, 2\frac{1}{4} inch minimum		5.96-6.33
Wealthy, Massachusetts:		6.33-6.81
U. S. No. 1, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum		0.00-0.01
BOXES King David, Washington:	•	
	3.28-3.41	2.98-3.04
Combination Extra Fancy and Fancy, 150/175 Combination Extra Fancy and Fancy 188/smaller	3.16-3.28	•
Gravenstein, California:	3,1043,20	2.00-2.50
Fancy 150/175		2.98-3.04
Fancy 188/sacller		2.80-2.98
PEARS BOXES		.2.00-2.50
Hardy, California:	3.53-3.77	3.65-3.89
Howell, California:		3.04-3.59
Keiffer, California:		2.92-3.16
Anjou, Oregon:		3.41-3.53
Howell, Oregon:		3.04-3.65
Bartlett, Washington:		3.16-3.28
Comice, California:	4.14-4.38	2.31-2.55 a/
BARRELS	:	
Bartlett, New York:	:	
U. S. No. 1, 2 inch minimum		10.22
U. S. No. 1, 1 3/4 inch minimum		
Anjou, New York		
Clairgeau, New York	<del>,</del>	6.45
Keiffer, New Jersey coxes	'	
Clairgeau, New Jersey boxes		1.95
PLUMS AND PRUNES		
President, California:	<u>b/</u>	3.05
4x5	1.46-1.52	1,95
5x5		1.89-1.95
Idaho, trays	1	.73
Nois: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.		
a/ One-half box b/ Variable condition		